

Humane Society of Elmore County News – 22 Jul '13  
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This has been a fantastic weekend for the shelter in regards to our fund-raising thanks to so many wonderful supporters! If you traveled Main St in Wetumpka Friday night you would have noted the Civic Center's parking lot packed to overflowing as we had a simply stupendous turnout for our 8<sup>th</sup> annual Wags & Whiskers Silent Auction! The evening's festivities started at 6 pm with folks lined up waiting to come in and they were certainly not disappointed as Chef Paul and his crew from the Creek Casino provided a buffet of sumptuous food & desserts for everyone to enjoy. With almost 400 items to bid on there was something for everyone and Cumulus Media's Bill Dollar helped us stay on track as our dynamic Master of Ceremonies. When the Live Auction portion started, Auctioneers Scott & Michelle Williams worked their magic to bring in the highest bids for each item. And at the end, after all the bids were in and the evening was done, this year's auction brought in almost \$19,000 for our shelter and the animals we care for! This is our highest amount ever and we just couldn't be happier!

The Wetumpka Civic Center was the perfect venue as usual for our auction and we appreciate that the City of Wetumpka has such a wonderful facility for groups like us to use. We are also appreciative that

Tom & Joyce Overton, Overton Properties & Storage Binz, has a clean, secure and safe storage area for us to store our auction items in year-round.

Events of this magnitude don't happen in a vacuum and all the success is a credit to our very hard-working Board members and a phalanx of incredibly dedicated Volunteers who work tirelessly on the shelter's behalf. We must also thank everyone who donated items to the auction AND to everyone who came out to enjoy a fun evening of bidding, great food and camaraderie! For now we will rest a bit as it takes all year to plan and execute an auction of this magnitude, but don't fear, the planning will start soon for next year's auction which will hopefully take place on Friday, 18 July 2014, same place, same start time so mark your calendar for this don't miss annual event!

While we were riding high from our Silent Auction results, the Predator's Motorcycle Association (PMA) put the icing on the cake by delivering their check Sunday from Cruisin' fer Critters 2013! Not only were we thrilled to have such a huge group visit our shelter Sunday, but they surprised us by bringing even more money than we expected - \$12,588 to be exact! Talk about being floored! We truly cannot thank each and every member of the Predator's, their friends, supporters and sponsors enough as this is well over \$1000 MORE than we thought at the end of the day for Cruisin' 2013! To say that we are fans of the PMA is an understatement and we want all their members to know that we are extremely grateful for all their hard work and generosity on behalf of our shelter and the animals we care for.

This remarkable weekend will go a long way to ensuring we can continue our work to help the 300+ animals in our care each and every day. Our next and final fund raising event doesn't happen until our 22 September 2013 Bark in the Park at Fort Toulouse, so these funds help see us through the hard days of summer yet to come. So thank you so much to all who donate and volunteer and adopt and just care about animals enough to sound off for them! We can never thank everyone enough and just want you to know that we don't take your support for granted and will make the best use of all these funds to help the animals in our care and do our very best by them while they are with us.